

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 1, line 20, with the following rewritten paragraph:

--This situation has not gone unnoticed, and the market is replete with devices to give some advantage to the person who seeks to open the container. These extend from simple sheets or cones [~~cores~~] of conformable material to make the grip more comfortable, to plier-like gripping devices that require a squeeze, but also provide leverage. All of these have advantages and disadvantages, but usually they will in fact assist a person to open the jar.--

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 5, line 13 with the following rewritten paragraph:

--The opener as described above forms a useful embodiment of this invention, and is intended to be encompassed in this invention, useful for all kinds of jars and threaded lids. However, this invention also includes additional [~~feature~~] features which facilitate its use, which will now be described.--

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 6, line 5 with the following rewritten paragraph:

--Another optional feature is best shown in Figs. 3 and 4. The inner sidewall 31 has portions 45, 46 of different diameter portion 45 being [~~smaller~~] larger. This forms a shoulder 47 between them. The purpose of this shoulder is to stop the rim 23

before lower edge 48 of the body can strike shoulder 16 of the jar. This prevents the body from pushing down on the shoulder, which would cause a drag that resists the turning of the lid.